

BRUNER EXPOSES STATE MACHINE

And Congressman Ollie James
Does Not Reply.

Asute Legislator Evidently Did Not
Consider Himself Involved in
Local Issues Discussed.

DR. BRUNER MAKES FRIENDS.

(By Staff Correspondent.)

Benton, Ky., Sept. 3.—When the campaign in western Kentucky was opened by a joint debate between Dr. Ben L. Bruner, of Hart county, Republican candidate for secretary of state, and Congressman Ollie James, at Benton yesterday, the fact was disclosed that the Republican campaigners have studied deeply the finances of the state, and understand all the ramifications of the Frankfort machine. These matters Dr. Bruner pressed home, and the fact that Ollie James did not attempt to reply to the charges, speaks well for the astute First district congressman's discretion. After all, this isn't Ollie James' fight.

Dr. Bruner made himself popular in Marshall county and Capt. Ed Farley was around shaking hands.

There were about 2,000 present and the immense throng made it necessary to adjourn to the court house yard. Dr. Bruner was introduced at 1 o'clock by T. B. McGregor, Republican candidate for the legislature in the Marshall-Lyon district. He spoke 45 minutes and was followed by Mr. James in an hour's speech. Dr. Bruner closed in a 15 minute reply.

One of the hits was made when James asked and demanded an answer from Dr. Bruner: "Would you as governor of Kentucky pardon Caleb Powers and others, or would you advise Wilson to pardon them?"

Without hesitation came Dr. Bruner's reply: "If I were governor of Kentucky, or were I asked for advice by the governor, I would first demand a fair and impartial trial for these or any other men charged with a political crime whether he be Democrat, Republican, Prohibitionist, or Populist, white or black, and if the courts of this state persistently refused to grant him such fair and impartial trials, as they have in these cases, as attested by the court of appeals, I would feel disposed to pardon or advise such pardon."

Cheers were deafening and Democrats and Republicans stood up and called out approval. It was a hard job to turn the court of appeals on the administration.

State Finances.
Finances of the state were put under the glass and Dr. Bruner with facts gave the hard thinking Marshall county farmers something to ponder over. "How is it the 'machinocrats' boast of having run the state so economically on a 50 cent tax rate?" he asked.

"Auditor Hager says he has managed the finances for eight years on a 50 cent tax rate, and now he declares he favors a reduction of 10 cents, making the rate 40 cents. The school levy he does not favor reducing, the sinking fund and A. & M. college are as low as possible to make them. The three combined use up 28 1-2 cents of the levy, leaving 21 1-2 for general expenses. If he reduces this item, the state will have only 11 1-2 cents for general expenses. 'Now, I ask,' he said, 'Why, if Mr. Hager has had charge of the finances and has administered eight years economically, he can see ahead a saving of 11 1-2 cents, when every one knows the tendency of the state's expenses is to increase, not decrease as time goes. Either Mr. Hager pleads guilty to graft and wasteful waste of the state's finances, amounting to 10 cents, on the \$100, or he is a demagogue trying to make votes.'"

Dr. Bruner called attention to the extravagance in attorneys fees for favorites of the machine, and said: "They misquote me as saying: 'The state five cents from the sinking fund. I did not say that. I said they stole thousands of dollars, and that instead of there being a surplus in the treasury of some hundreds of thousands of dollars, as stated by Mr. Hager, June 30, 1907, there is an actual deficit in the sinking fund of \$1,040,000.'"

Of the corruption of the "machinocracy" Dr. Bruner said: "In Peter precinct in Pike county there are 260 registered voters. Langley received 261 votes and Hughes 59. Yet Hager and Beckham received 263 votes, three more votes than are registered.

WEATHER FORECAST.



CLOUDY

Partly cloudy tonight and Wednesday, except probably showers in the east portion. Highest temperature yesterday, 97; lowest, 67.

MANFIELD.

New London, Conn., Sept. 3.—All that was mortal of Richard Mansfield was lowered into a grave in the little Gardner cemetery, within a few rods of Seven Oaks, his summer home, today. The ceremony was simple but impressive, and was attended by many friends and acquaintances of the late actor.

C. & O. WRECK.

Charleston, W. Va., Sept. 3.—The Chesapeake & Ohio local passenger train, No. 6, was derailed a mile and a quarter below Kanawha Falls, 31 miles from Charleston, about 8 o'clock last night, and as a result seven are dead and 17 injured. One coach and the combination express and baggage car left the tracks and overturned, rolling toward the Kanawha river.

POSTPONED.

New York, Sept. 3.—The hearing scheduled for today in the inquiry designed to revoke the charter of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey, was postponed until Thursday morning.

Chicago & Alton Immune.

Chicago, Sept. 3.—The Chicago & Alton railroad, its officers and employees will not be prosecuted on the charge of granting rebates to the Standard Oil company for acceptance of which the Standard was recently fined \$29,240,000. Attorney General Bonaparte fully justifies the claim of immunity.

Death From Plague.

San Francisco, Sept. 3.—The health board reports one additional death from bubonic plague and two additional cases under suspicion since Saturday.

School House Damaged.

The new Rowlandtown school house, under course of construction by Contractor Wetzel, was damaged about \$300 worth, walls being blown down yesterday.

It was telegraphed to the 'machinocrats' they had 800 majority and they answered 'don't you mean 1,800,' and the reply was 'yes.'"

Furthermore 37 citizens of one precinct in Fulton county made an affidavit that they voted for Hays and McCreary and the returns only show 8 votes credited to them. It was here Dr. Bruner paused a second, and said: "You owe it to yourselves the overthrow of the machine."

The Machine.

Special attorney fees amounting to \$159,232 and the rottenness of the machine, were clearly brought forward. With local illustrations and how the "machinocracy" had patronized particular friends.

One most forcible point and that was well illustrated was the perpetual motion machine and as Dr. Bruner kept his hands revolving in a circle, he spoke of Beckham climbing from speaker of the house, to lieutenant governor and governor, and now seeking to be United States senator; Hager, first treasurer, then auditor and now an aspirant for the governorship; Trimble, speaker of the house, congressman and now candidate for lieutenant governor; Vreeland assistant commissioner of agriculture; commissioner of agriculture; and candidate for secretary of state; and Chenault, insurance commissioner, and now seeking to be clerk. The audience followed with applause and many shook their heads in approval. It was a point that could not be refuted.

In his reply Dr. Bruner took up the printing contract and asked Mr.

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LABOR DAY PARADE IS GREAT SUCCESS

Five Hundred Men in Line of
March Yesterday.

Handsone Floats and Good Music
Are Attractive Features
Along the Line.

MISS HELEN HANNIN, GODDESS

Labor Day in Paducah was a success despite the fact that the storm interfered with celebrations at Wallace park after 5 o'clock. All events scheduled at the park were pulled off and the day passed off nicely.

The parade headed by Deal's band was one of the best ever seen in Paducah. The entire police force was in line and also the fire department. Members of each fire company tried to outshine the others, and the apparatus was beautiful.

There were representatives from every trades union in line of march. Machinists, boiler-makers, cigarmakers, carpenters and painters, metal workers, clerks, caulkers, ship carpenters, hod carriers were in line of march and several industrial floats added much to the parade. One fine float was that of the Grand Leader, a reproduction of a clothing store. A little girl swinging on the float was a unique feature.

Following the white parade colored union men held a second parade and made a creditable showing. A band in full uniform headed the colored parade, marching to the park at Rowlandtown.

Miss Hannin, Goddess of Labor.

Miss Helen Hannin, sister of Mr. George Hannin, the well known Illinois Central tinner, was elected goddess of labor by a vote of 1,380 to Miss Willie Malone's vote of 812. Miss Hannin was supported by the tanners and pipefitters' union, and Miss Malone by carpenters. There would have been more votes, but tickets were not sold after 5 o'clock when the storm came up and threw a damper on further celebrations at the park. On Wednesday night a meeting of the committees will be held to decide on a date for crowning Miss Hannin goddess of labor. It is intended to make the affair a memorable one.

Prize Winners.

Successful prize winners in contests at Wallace park, all prizes bought by the unions, follow:

William Herbst, hat, best gentleman dancer. Mr. Herbst won first prize at the Illinois Central picnic dance at Kuttawa September 14.

Miss Ida Belle Murray, umbrella, best lady dancer.

Miss Helen Hannin, comb, best lady runner.

William Carroll, box cigars, best boat rower.

Great excitement prevailed at the park when the storm came up. Dust, tree branches, and even small stones were hurled about by the wind and there was a general rush for cars and home. No tickets were sold after 5 o'clock, admission being free. Dancing was the only form of amusement at the park after dark.

RAIN SPOILS GAME AT BASEBALL PARK

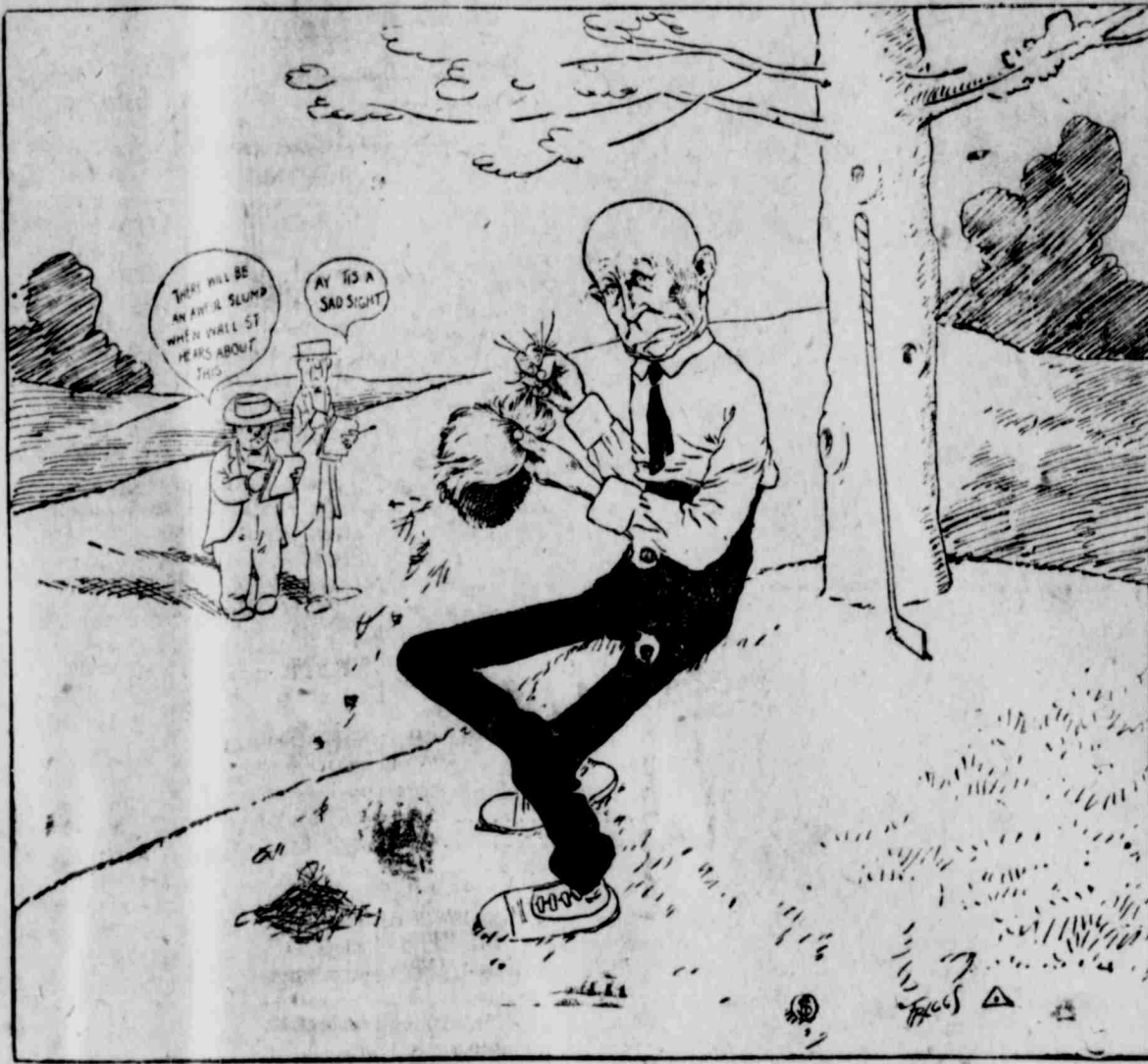
Rain broke up the baseball game yesterday afternoon at Wallace park between the Metropolis Blues and Paducah Independents when the visitors were ahead. More than five innings having been played, the game went to Metropolis. The score was 9 to 6 in the seventh inning when the storm drove the players to shelter and prevented a completion of the contest. Davis was pitching for Paducah against Dye, and was doing good work. Hay, a Murray catcher, was handling the big mit for the locals.

Japs Occupy Island.

Yokohama, Sept. 3.—The announcement that a party of Japanese explorers from Formosa have raised their national flag over a small island immediately adjoining the Philippines has attracted much attention in official circles. The Japanese insist that the island does not belong to the Philippines because it is north of the twentieth parallel. The island, which was designated Protus, or Pratas, by the old geographers, is uninhabited.

Whether it is of possible value for naval purposes is not developed.

PATHETIC PICTURE.



(John D. Rockefeller Tearing His Hair.)

—Triggs in New York Press.

Tom B. McGregor Pleases Home Folks with his Stand on Local Issues in Debate with Opponent

Two Cent rate, Local Option,
Better Schools and Proper
Expenditure of Road Fund
are ably Discussed.

BENTON ENJOYS ARGUMENT

Benton, Ky., Sept. 3. (Special).—Both candidates for the legislature in the Marshall-Lyon district favor the two cent rate law and local option with the county as the unit. On this point they are even, but the 2,000 voters, who heard Thomas B. McGregor, the Republican candidate, and John L. Smith, of Lyon the Democratic candidate, debate here yesterday at the close of the Bruner-James debate, agree that McGregor will better represent the district in the legislature, both on account of his oratorical ability and his alertness of mind.

The debate was interesting and the speakers confined themselves to issues involving legislative acts. They pressed home questions and both men were brought squarely out on the issues.

Both talked of trusts and particularly of the tobacco trust and when legislation against the trusts was spoken of applause came from the tobacco growers.

Another plank that brought the warmest of applause was that money collected for the roads should be spent where direct benefit would be given the payers.

For a longer school term and more salary for the teachers Mr. McGregor spoke at length and said that for the welfare of the pupil and teacher the schools needed to be taken out of politics.

In replying Mr. Smith went somewhat into national politics and avoided answering questions, and entered a denial that he sold tobacco to the trust.

Aside from Mr. McGregor being a home boy, the audience was wonderfully impressed with the earnestness of his speech. He is a good orator and at all times in the discussion remained on points that would be of direct benefit to the farmer. In closing Mr. McGregor brought down the house with his answer to Mr. Smith's statement of Republicans and trusts: "I stand by Theodore Roosevelt; that's the kind of a Republican I am."

Thursday, September 19, Judge James Breathitt, Republican candidate for attorney general, will speak and one of the largest crowds is expected to be present. The Democrats have not said who will oppose Judge Breathitt on the stump in Benton.

MAN RAN INTO LAKE AFTER FLYING HAT AT PARK YESTERDAY

Now that it is all over, there were some funny things yesterday, especially at Wallace park, where everybody could see the danger, which threatened. One man was so intent on catching his hat, which the gale snatched from his head and carried into the air, that with arms uplifted and eyes skyward he ran right into the lake and almost drowned. A woman got so scared she ran away and left her child at the park. Manager Malone took care of the infant until the mother recollected this morning where she had left it and returned.

LAUNCH WAS IN GALE BUT LANDED SAFELY

Paducah Party Had Startling
Experience on the Ohio
River Yesterday.

Only the rare presence of mind of Mr. Jack Nelson, handling the gasoline launch "Hustler," yesterday afternoon in the gale saved a party of young society men of Paducah from being capsized and probably drowned. The entire party was thrown into a high state of excitement and had donned life preservers as a precaution, the little craft appearing to be inevitably driven into a reef.

The party was composed of Messrs. Ed Sears, Jack Nelson, Jete Bollinger, Roy Culley, Henry Diehl, Robert and Parker Chastaine and Gordon Head. They had been fishing and were returning home. Shortly after leaving Smithland they were struck by the gale. The little craft was propelled directly toward a reef. Nelson, jamming the wheel hard, grazed the reef but had to make into the middle of the Ohio river in the face of the gale. His rapid fire talk encouraged the pleasure seekers, and after a desperate battle against the high wind, the Hustler was landed. The entire party remained ashore until after the gale, and not a dry stitch of clothing could be found on any one in the party on arriving at Paducah wharf.

Arrested For Speeding.

Jesse Weh was arrested yesterday afternoon for speeding his automobile on the streets. It was alleged that he went faster than eight miles an hour at Eighth and Harrison streets. The case will be tried tomorrow.

PICKPOCKET WORKS DURING EXCITEMENT

One Man in Broadway Crowd
Finds Hands on his
Watch.

While standing on the edge of the wrecked American Express company building last evening watching the work of rescuing Agent Lagerwall, Mr. Roy Judd came near being the victim of a pickpocket. Timely discovery saved him his watch, and punishment administered to the pickpocket created a little excitement for a short time.

Mr. Judd was peering into the debris, where rescuers were at work. He wears his watch in his outside coat pocket, the chain hooked in a button hole. He felt a slight tug and looking down saw a hand holding his watch and another hand in the act of unhooking the chain.

Turning suddenly the machinist struck the pickpocket a blow full in the face. The fellow reeled and started to run. Before Mr. Judd could climb over the debris and give pursuit, the young man had mingled with the crowd and escaped.

Mr. Judd got a good look at him and believes he will know him if he sees him again. He was well dressed, and apparently not more than 19 years old.

Mr. Bob Black, one of the volunteers who worked hard at the wrecked building, lost his diamond stick pin valued at \$75. He believes he tore it off while assisting in getting to Agent Lagerwall.

TEMPERANCE RALLY AT BROADWAY CHURCH

Thursday night there will be a big temperance rally at the Broadway Methodist church. The Rev. L. L. Pickett, Prohibition candidate for governor, will speak, and several ministers of the city will participate.

COOK CUTS HIS ARM AND SEVERS ARTERIES

Goldie Jones, cook at the Buchanan restaurant on Kentucky avenue near Third street, was seriously injured yesterday afternoon about 1:30 o'clock, and but for the timely arrival of a physician, might have bled to death. He was at Second street and Broadway wrestling when his right arm went through a glass door. The glass cut three arteries and blood flowed freely. Many stitches had to be taken to close the jagged wounds.

STORM PLAYS HAVOC HERE

Paducah and Metropolis
Seem to Have Caught
Brunt of it.

NO DAMAGE ELSEWHERE

American Express Company
Building Crushed and Agent
Caught in Debris.

STORY OF THE STORM

H. Diehl's residence, 312 South Third street, where the front porch was turned around and set against the house.

C. E. Gridley's residence, Sixth and Clay street, roof torn.

J. W. Little's residence Fourteenth and Jefferson streets, chimney thrown 50 feet and slate roof cut into bits, exposing two rooms to the torrents of rain. The damage is considerable.

Frank Jones, South Seventh street, roof damaged.

American Express company, 420 Broadway, wrecked.

Wabash, steamboat, guard rail broken.

The roof partly blown off the Imperial Tobacco Plant company, Fifth and Clay streets.

Thousands of dollars damage was done and one man was severely injured as the result of a furious east wind, that struck the city about 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon and swept through Broadway destroying signs and awnings, breaking plate glass windows, twisting off trees and crushing the 2-story brick building, at 420 Broadway, occupied by the American Express company and Smith Sisters' millinery establishment, as if it had been tissue paper. The top story of the four-story building occupied by the Scott Hardware company was blown into the room of the express building lying it flat, and the roof rested on the roll top desks of the first floor.

A. F. Lagerwall, the express agent, was pinioned from the waist down by the heavy timbers and debris and lay in sight and hearing of his rescuers from 5:10 until 7:50 o'clock, while the hook and ladder men worked around him.

J. K. Lunn, a bill clerk; J. F. Martin, a messenger, and Thaddeus Gordon, cashier, were in the building, but escaped to the street before the walls came down on them.

When the sky suddenly darkened and a heavy wind set in, Mr. Lagerwall and his three subordinates were preparing to close the office. Messenger Martin was near the front door and had a presentiment that something was going to happen. Running to the door, he succeeded in escaping as the walls closed in. One or two timbers struck him as he made his exit and at Clements' book store across the street Dr. J. D. Robertson examined his injuries. His left leg and back were bruised but not too severely for Martin to go to his lodging house.

J. K. Lunn, the bill clerk, was standing on a stool, closing the transom, when the crash came, and succeeded in kicking his way through the door to safety. He was cut and bruised about the body.

Thaddeus Gordon, the cashier, had gone to the rear door to lock it when he heard the crashing timbers. He dashed from the rear door and escaped with slight bruises.

Mr. Lagerwall.

Agent Lagerwall was caught near the front of the building, but fortunately in such a position that no weight rested on him except his left leg. He was in his office when the crash came, and had not time to gain the door. He was pinioned down until 7:50 o'clock when relieved by firemen. During the work of rescue he talked, directed and assisted in many ways in the work of getting himself clear of the timbers. Tons of brick and timbers were removed from about the imprisoned agent, but not once did he lose his grit.

The ongoing belongs to Dr. D. G. Murrell.

This morning Mr. C. J. Abbott,

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